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GSCCC Stakeholder Meeting, Tuesday, March 24, 2015 DES Offices, Concord, NH.

9:00-11:30 a.m.
Just WHAT is going on with gas and diesel prices. Dan Freihofer of Freifuels, Inc. will explain how and why gas and diesel prices dropped, and what lies ahead. ***This meeting is open to the public.*** RSVP: Dolores Rebolledo dolores.rebolledo@des.nh.gov.

Massachusetts Clean Cities Coalition Stakeholder Meeting, March 5, 2015, Boston, MA.

American Power Group will present on bi-fuel technology. RSVP: Steve Russell Stephen.Russell@state.ma.us.

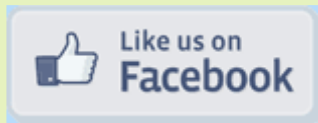
7th Annual Local Energy Solutions Conference, March 21, 2015, Concord, NH.

This local event is the perfect energy networking and educational opportunity targeting energy committees, municipal and school staff, legislators, businesses and planners. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

ACT Expo, May 4-7, 2015, Dallas, TX. Register for the #1 clean fleet event. Early bird rates through January 16. [Click here to register!](#)

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News of Interest:

Question of the Month: *What were the trends related to state laws and incentives enacted in 2014?*

Answer: In 2014, state legislatures and agencies developed a variety of incentives, laws, and regulations that support the use of alternative fuels, advanced vehicles, and other strategies that align with Clean Cities' mission to cut the amount of petroleum used in transportation. As compared to 2013, however, the number of newly adopted state laws and incentives decreased, possibly indicating the effectiveness of existing state programs and a maturing alternative fuels market. In addition, several states worked to fine-tune existing programs this past year, in an effort to find the best market penetration strategy.

The majority of state actions across all alternative fuel types in 2014 involved new tax-related incentives and fuel tax regulations. Specific alternative fuels displayed their own trends as well. Laws and incentives related to the following vehicle categories showed particularly notable trends:

Plug-in electric vehicles (PEVs), including both all-electric and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, and the associated charging infrastructure were the most popular alternative fuel technologies that received attention in the form of new state laws and incentives in 2014. States worked to streamline many aspects of PEV ownership, including allowing direct purchase of PEVs from a manufacturer, modifying rebates and incentives for electric vehicle

supply equipment (EVSE), and allowing EVSE at previously restricted locations, such as state facilities and leased properties. A few states initiated studies to determine how to assess PEV owners a supplemental fee in lieu of the gasoline tax they would no longer be paying. Utilities continued to provide new incentives in 2014, including electricity rate discounts for customers using EVSE.

Natural gas vehicles (NGVs) continued to draw significant consideration in 2014, particularly in those states following the national trend of basing a compressed natural gas (CNG) motor fuel tax on the favorable gasoline gallon equivalent conversion. The NGV market and consumers will also benefit from grants, weight exemptions, fuel-training programs, and fleet requirements enacted in the last year.

The Alternative Fuels Data Center's (AFDC) ***State Alternative Fuel and Advanced Vehicle Laws and Incentives: 2014 Year in Review*** provides a further synopsis of incentives and laws enacted in 2014 and is available at www.afdc.energy.gov/bulletins/2014_01_15_Year_In_Review.html.

In addition, the AFDC **Laws & Incentives website** provides a searchable database to identify and view relevant state laws and incentives by fuel type, as well as by variety of incentive or regulation. As legislative and gubernatorial actions occur, follow the AFDC website for updates at www.afdc.energy.gov/laws. This database may be particularly useful in the states in which the 2014 elections changed control of the legislative or executive branches. In addition, as the 2014 tax filing deadline approaches, the Laws & Incentives website is a valuable resource for basic information regarding new or expiring state and federal tax credits.

As new trends and issues emerge from legislation, policy bulletins are posted to the AFDC **Technology and Policy Bulletins** page at www.afdc.energy.gov/technology_bulletins.html. You may submit new or updated state laws and incentives, and suggestions for policy bulletin topics, by emailing the TRS directly at technicalresponse@icfi.com.

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